

ROUMANIA IS READY FOR WAR

**Demands Territory For
Neutrality During Recent
Conflict.**

TO CALL PARLIAMENT.

**Purpose to Seize an Area of Twenty-
Five Hundred Square Miles—Will
Begin by Attacking Silistria.**

Bucharest, July 1.—All Roumania was today prepared for war with Bulgaria. King Charles summoned parliament to convene in special session next Monday to deal with questions arising out of the plan to occupy Bulgarian territory.

With the withdrawal of her minister from Sofia and the mobilization of the army, Roumania has shown that she is determined to take possession of the territory demanded as a reward for her neutrality during the Turko-Balkan war.

The present purpose is to seize this territory immediately. It extends from Turtukai, approximately 100 miles from the sea of Balchik on the Black Sea. The area is about 2,500 square miles. The first point of attack will be the fortified city of Silistria.

London, July 1.—Diplomats here today awaited with interest the replies expected from Serbia and Greece as a result of Bulgaria's action in placing her affairs in the hands of Russia. There is little doubt that these countries would agree to an immediate armistice, providing Bulgaria would agree to the main provisions of the peace terms, which it is known, would be demanded. The invasion by Roumania would also possibly stop, providing Bulgaria agrees to turn over to King Charles the territory he demands as a reward for his neutrality during the struggle of the Balkan allies with Turkey.

Serbia and Greece also demand territorial concessions, and it is believed here should Bulgaria refuse at the present time to accede to the demands of Greece and Serbia these two armies may be expected to join forces, push on to Sofia and impose even more exacting terms on Czar Ferdinand.

RETURNED FROM CONFERENCE

Alexandrians Who Went to Warrenton Home Again.

The following Alexandrians returned last night from attending the First District Conference M. E. Church South, which closed yesterday.

Henry K. Field, Dr. J. W. Duffey, J. F. Myers and W. C. Baggett, who were the delegates elected to attend the Alexandria District Conference of the M. E. Church South, July 8th to 10th, at the new M. E. Church South, in Warrenton, Va.

This was the first conference of the members in the new district of Alexandria, which was made a district by itself, covering the territory from Alexandria to Fredericksburg, across Prince William and Loudoun counties.

The presiding elder of the Conference, Rev. D. H. Kern, is also a resident of Alexandria. Some very important business was transacted in addition to considerable routine business. Ministers of the various Methodist churches belonging to this district and laymen submitted their reports to the conference, which will be reported at the annual conference that will be held some time the latter part of March next year.

INVITATIONS ON PURE GOLD.

Real Novelty in Golden Wedding Anniversary Cards.

St. Petersburg, July 11.—Society has been surprised here by a remarkable novelty in invitations issued for the golden wedding celebration of M. Spiridonoff, a very wealthy man of Moscow. All of the 200 invitations are on cards of pure gold, each weighing three-quarters of an ounce, and the words are wrought in enamel.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Mrs. Anita Baldwin McClaughry, daughter of the late E. J. (Lucky) Baldwin, and beneficiary under his will to the amount of \$10,000,000 of his estate, was granted an interlocutory decree of divorce yesterday in Oakland, Cal., on the ground of cruelty. McClaughry made no defense. The plaintiff testified that she and her husband quarreled so often over the cost of high living, as a result of his economical ideas, that her health became impaired. They were married at Carson City, Nev., in 1900. The custody of the two children of the McClaughrys is to be shared by both parents. It is stated informally that Mrs. McClaughry made a settlement of \$300,000 upon her former husband.

Two men were killed and four injured early yesterday morning when an automobile was struck by a Long Island railroad train at a crossing near Mineola, N. Y. The big touring car, in which the party, comprising seven men, were riding, was completely demolished, and William Robinson, of New York, and a man as yet unidentified, met instant death. Thomas Nolan, of the car, suffered a probable fracture of the skull, and William Miller, of Jersey City, serious internal injuries. Both may die. The others were less seriously injured.

Every time it thunders Lucy Sephalia, 12 years old, of Dollar Bay, Mich., loses her voice. She first lost her voice six weeks ago during a thunder storm. Shortly afterward it was restored when she was playfully frightened by a friend. In each electrical storm since that time the same thing has happened. Each time her voice has been restored by a pre-arranged surprise shock.

Miss Clara E. Ward, 19 years old, of Washington, was drowned last night when she attempted to spring from the canoe of George Emmert, 20 years old, to the shore of the Chesapeake and Potomac canal, from Cyb-in John Bridge, thinking to escape death from a threatened collision with a canal boat. Miss Ward was an employee of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and Emmert is a clerk in the Second National Bank, of Washington.

James Plew, of Middlebury, Conn., and Mrs. Bessie J. Wakefield, of Bristol, have been held criminally responsible for the death of William O. Wakefield, the woman's husband, by the coroner. The official found that the death wounds were inflicted by Plew and that Mrs. Wakefield was an accessory to the commission of the crime. Both were indicted by the grand jury for murder in the first degree. Wakefield's body was found in a strip of woods in Cheshire, on June 28. He had been shot, stabbed and strangled, the coroner says. Plew and Mrs. Wakefield were arrested. The woman confessed that she had plotted with Plew to get Wakefield out of the way so that they might live together.

Mrs. Ludia Eury, 47 years old, widow of Columbus W. Eury, was taken to the Western Maryland hospital, Cumberland, yesterday, in a critical condition, having swallowed three bichloride of mercury tablets. She failed to get her 4-year-old son, George, to join her in the suicidal attempt. It seemed to have been her intention to take the child with her. Despondency over the separation of her children, two of whom are at St. Mary's Industrial School, Baltimore, is believed to have prompted the attempt at self-destruction. Mrs. Eury's family had been broken up since the death of her husband more than a year ago, and she was tired of life.

Mrs. Hennie Yates, wife of James Yates, a farmer, is under arrest at Troy, Tenn., charged with drowning two of her small children. Flora Farris, Mrs. Yates' 14-year-old daughter by a former marriage, also is under arrest. Officers state that Flora Farris confessed implicating her mother. It is alleged that Mrs. Yates enticed her husband's three children—Ligon, a boy of 12 years; Ida May, 10, and James 6—to a pond near their farmhouse under pretext that all would pick blackberries. Mrs. Yates, it was charged, dragged Ligon and Ida May into the pond and held them under water until they were drowned. James, it was said, escaped.

KOINER OPPOSES MOORE'S METHODS

**Will Not Change System to
Show What Money is
For.**

NO CHARGE OF FRAUD.

Commissioner of Agriculture Explains That Special Auditor Examined Records which Were Approved.

Richmond, Va. July 11.—Changes requested in the methods of issuing vouchers in the State Department of Agriculture, making them show for what purpose the money was being paid out, would necessitate a complete change in bookkeeping in the department, according to a statement issued yesterday by Commissioner G. W. Koiner, of the Department of Agriculture and Immigration Correspondence published yesterday indicated that Mr. Koiner had declined to accede to a suggestion of the State auditor that vouchers be so drawn as to show what the money was being paid out for. Mr. Moore requested this plan shortly after coming into office, in order that the auditor's department would have a complete record of all payments of state funds, even though, as has happened in the past, vouchers be lost or stolen from the records of the Agricultural Department.

It is stated that in former years it was the custom for a very large number of vouchers to be drawn merely to G. W. Koiner, without any indication of what they were for, and that demonstrators and lecturers employed by the department in some instances were paid by Mr. Koiner's personal check, the records of the auditor's office not indicating what amount they received. No one has charged misappropriation of funds, but the system is held to be a slack one, which might readily lend itself to abuses.

Six years ago, following a report by Wm. M. K. Evans and George S. Crenshaw, expert accountants, sharply criticizing the methods of accounting in the Department of Agriculture, the board introduced a system of bookkeeping which is still in vogue. Mr. Koiner expresses himself as unwilling to change from that system to meet the views of the state auditor of Public Accounts.

PRIZES DISTRIBUTED.

**Aftermath of Auction Sale of Lots in
This City Yesterday.**

Distribution of the prizes awarded lucky holders of tickets, which were given to persons in the audience at yesterday's auction sale of lots conducted by the Atlantic Coast Realty Company, for George Appich, began this morning. Although some of the holders of prize winning tickets have not as yet presented them to M. Ruben and Son, who have charge of the delivery of prizes, they are expected to soon put in their appearance and claim the articles. The following are the winners who have so far presented themselves:

M. Otis, two golden parlor chairs; W. E. McCoy, cedar chest; Wm. Sampson, three rugs; C. R. Violet, oak dining table; F. B. Howard, large rocker; Mr. Welsh, pedestal and ornament; J. M. Duncan, leather couch; E. Nightingale, Morris Chair.

SACRIFICE SALE.

Boots and Shoes to be Sold Regardless of Cost by C. B. Marshall. The advertisement of C. B. Marshall appears elsewhere in today's Gazette. It explains itself. In order to settle up the business, which has become necessary by the death of John A. Marshall, one of the partners in this well-known house, it is necessary to close out the present stock as soon as possible, and in order to accomplish this footwear will be sold at astonishingly low prices. This is an opportunity seldom offered, and as boots and shoes are indispensable at one time or another, this chance to provide the same at low figures should appeal to all.

HEALTH BOARD MEETS

Julian Chauncey's Slaughter House Designated as Temporary Municipal Abattoir.

The city Health Board at a called meeting held yesterday afternoon at 4:30 in the offices of the health officer, designated the slaughter house of Julian Chauncey, situated on Duke street extended, as a temporary municipal abattoir.

The purpose of the meeting was to provide another location for the slaughtering of beef cattle and small stock under conditions approved by the city health officer, and where the meat can be city inspected as required by law.

Some time ago the slaughtering house of Aaron O'Dell was designated as a city slaughter house, but some misunderstanding arose later as to the benefits and arrangements under which cattle were to be slaughtered for local meat dealers, in consequence of which application was made to the city health board, which is a committee of Council, to confer with the city health officer and his deputy in regard to matters connected with the enforcement of the new health laws of Alexandria, to designate another abattoir which would be in addition to O'Dell's municipal slaughter house, so that local butchers might take their choice as to the slaughter house where they choose to have their beef cattle and small stock killed and dressed, which, of course, must be under municipal inspection, or the meat cannot be sold in the city. Mr. Chauncey's place having been inspected by Dr. Garvey, deputy health officer, was recommended by him as one of the suitable locations available and was therefore yesterday designated by the health board as a temporary municipal abattoir for the next sixty days.

Local dealers expect within that period to organize and subscribe sufficient money to erect a co-operative slaughter house for the use of members and if, this co-operative abattoir should be designated by the city health department as a municipal slaughter house, which it is expected the health committee will do, any local dealer, even though he may not be a member of the co-operative butchers, who erected the building may have their beef cattle and small stock slaughtered there under the city inspection and at a nominal cost to themselves.

The city health office has already secured estimates as to the cost of erecting a modern sanitary abattoir as is proposed, from several firms in that class of business, who have signified their willingness to construct a modern slaughter house in accordance with the wishes of local dealers at the cost of \$3,500.

At a meeting soon to be held of all dealers interested it is expected that plans will be perfected and a sufficient sum subscribed by the meat dealers to immediately commence the erection of a brick abattoir.

The milk dealers supplying fresh milk to consumers in Alexandria are to come under the scrutiny of the Alexandria Health Department. While Alexandria has usually been supplied with the best quality of milk heretofore, and it is expected that the milk coming to this city is still of the best quality, the health officer is required under the new health laws of the city to make inspection of all dairies selling milk in the city and issue permits for their operation. Should they not conform to the sanitary requirements of the health laws as to cleanliness and quality of the milk sold, the health officer is empowered to refuse the dairy operated under bad conditions a permit to do business in the city.

Blank applications for a permit to sell milk in Alexandria will be received from the printer by the health office in a few days and be mailed to all dairies in this section.

These blanks are for the purpose of ascertaining what dairymen desire to sell their products in Alexandria. To such a temporary permit will be at once issued on application good until such time as Deputy Health Officer Garvey may visit the dairy for inspection, when, if conditions at the dairy are satisfactory, the milk handled under approved sanitary conditions, a regular permit will be issued to replace the temporary permit.

FOR RENT.—In private family, two nicely furnished room with private bath. Excellent located. Apply Z., Gazette Office. 11 3t.

SOLDIERS BATTLE WITH ELEMENTS

**Wind Storm Blows Over
Tents at Encampment at
Virginia Beach.**

NO PERSON INJURED.

**Storm Lasted One Hour—Men to be
Paid Off Tomorrow—Will Engage
in Warfare Game.**

Camp Harvey M. Dickinson, Virginia Beach, Va., July 11.—terrible wind storm accompanied by heavy rain, thunder and lightning struck the camp of the Virginia brigade at the state encampment yesterday afternoon, and in a twinkling many tents were prostrated. Beyond a thorough drenching the militiamen and their effects suffered no damage.

Officers and men worked side by side in a driving rain while a fifty-mile wind tore up the tent pegs and scattered canvas and other camp impedimenta promiscuously. Dress parade, scheduled for 5 o'clock, had to be abandoned, and the storm put a stop to target practice and other camp duties. The storm lasted about one hour, and is said to have been one of the most severe experienced in this vicinity for a number of years.

A report among the men that they would not be paid off until they returned home was disproved this afternoon when Col. C. H. Consovo, brigade paymaster, received a telegram from General Miles, of the War Department, stating that a treasury warrant for the Virginia troops pay had already been drawn. Colonel Consovo will pay off the officers and men Saturday afternoon dispersing \$33,500 in cash.

Saturday afternoon the men will engage in a war game, defending Norfolk from attack by an invading army landing on the coast near Virginia Beach. There will be no firing in this imaginary battle.

Saturday afternoon the men will get ready to break camp Sunday morning.

ELKS IN BIG PARADE.

**Feature of Fourth Day at Convention
at Rochester, N. Y.**

Rochester, N. Y., July 11.—Ten thousand Elks, it is estimated, participated in a parade yesterday in connection with the forty-ninth reunion of the grand lodge. They came from every city of size in this country, from Juneau, Alaska, and Honolulu. Even Manila had a clone representative, who rode in an automobile. The parade was led by Grand Esquire W. S. McCormick.

The mother lodge from New York carried a banner "Organized February 16, 1868." Fort Wayne made a burlesque of its part in the procession. A banner reading "Hold your girls, Fort Wayne is coming," was carried by one in the front rank and following him marched Roman centurions, Greek slaves and a sprinkling of sultans and pashas.

The parade and a water carnival that attracted about 150,000 persons to Genesee Valley Park last night were features of the fourth day of the convention. Business sessions were held in the morning afternoon and last night. While a few delegates were gone over the business of the afternoon the uniformed patrols of many lodges were competing for prizes in a drill at the park.

CURLING HER HAIR FATAL.

**Girl Dies of Burns Received While
Making Her Toilet.**

Hagerstown, Md., July 11.—Miss Pearl Bieston, 12 years old, died as the result of burns sustained while curling her hair at the home of her uncle, Alvin Bieston, on the Johnson farm, near Pinola. She upset a jar of coal oil, which ignited and set fire to her dress. She ran into the yard, the wind fanning the flames, and nearly all her garments were burned off.

Hard Shel Crabs at Ramell's Cafe

ELLYSON TO RETIRE.

**Senator Echols, of Staunton, Will Act
as Chairman of Committee Until
After Election.**

(Special Dispatch to Gazette.) Richmond, Va., July 11.—Senator Echols, of Staunton, will act as chairman of the State Democratic Committee until after the primary of August 5th.

Lieut. Governor Ellyson asked Machen and Wedderburn, his opponents if his retention of the position was not favored by them: to please let him know. This request was made June 23d. Later, on June 28th, letters were sent by Ellyson to Wedderburn and Machen.

Wedderburn replied that he could not object to Ellyson retaining his post as chairman of the committee. No reply has been received from Machen although the latter has written to Mr. Ellyson.

Ellyson this evening determined to again take the initiative. He informed ex-Lieut. Governor Echols, a member of the committee, that he had decided to relinquish his place as chairman during the campaign. Echols will take charge until the returns are in and the result declared.

Ellyson today makes public his letter to Wedderburn, his answer from Wedderburn, and his letter to Machen.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

A lawn fete will be given Monday night, July 14th, at Del Ray, corner Mt. Vernon and Lloyd's avenues, for the benefit of St. Rita's building fund.

The installation of the newly-elected officers of Potomac Lodge, No. 38, I. O. F., will take place at the regular meeting tonight. The installation will be conducted by District Deputy Grand Master W. R. Studds.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. M. Armstrong have returned from New York and Philadelphia.

Ciey Sergeant R. H. Cox, in accordance with directions received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, B. O. James, is posting notices of the Democratic primary for state officers to be held throughout the state on August 5th.

J. N. Doherty, a local blacksmith, while shoeing a horse yesterday was kicked and stepped upon by the animal and painfully injured. Mr. Doherty sustained fractures of his arm a bone in his arm and his 6th rib. He is being treated at the Alexandria Hospital.

DEATHS.

Mrs. Margaret McGraw, aged 85, died last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Dwyer, in Del Ray. The deceased who was a widow, is survived by several children. Leon Gorham, age 16 years, who lives at 10 City Road, died early this morning at the Alexandria Hospital.

BOY SCOUT ENTERTAINMENT.

Troop No. 1, Boy Scouts of America, will give their first public entertainment Monday evening, at 8 o'clock in the Westminster Building. Quite an elaborate program has been arranged. Music will be furnished by the Lone Star Camp, No. 1, American Indian Guard Band.

ACCUSED DISMISSED.

Among the cases before the Police Court this morning was that of a colored man residing in the southern section of the city, who was charged with assaulting a white boy. According to the statements of the complainants and several of his companions, the alleged assault was committed after the boy had trodden upon the foot of the colored man, and the latter knocked the boy down. The accused denied striking the youth with his fist, and that the trouble occurred in a large gathering in the southeast section of the city where patent medicine is being sold; that the white boys came there for fun and in order to divert themselves rushed in gangs against bystanders. The colored man said that he was the victim of two such collisions and on the second occasion pushed the boy aside. The accused was dismissed, and the white boys warned of the consequences of engaging in such sport in the night among dense crowds, as some were liable to be hurt.

TERRIFIC STORM IN HAMPTON ROADS

**Lightning Plays Havoc Last
night at Old Point and
Other Places.**

HOUSES ARE WRECKED

**Barge Loaded With Dynamite Has
Narrow Escape From Destruction
by Electric Fluid.**

Norfolk, Va., July 11.—One of the worst electrical and windstorms this section has ever witnessed partly wrecked a number of homes on the Virginia peninsula last night and threw the guests of the Hotel Chamberlain, at Old Point, and of the Buckroe Beach Hotel in a panic.

The lightning came dangerously near striking the barge Lily, on which was stored one and a half tons of dynamite. The Lily had been engaged in destroying the barge Florida, sunk several weeks ago in Hampton Roads in collision with a tug. There were two small boats alongside the Lily. The lightning struck one of these, but the barge was not touched.

Captain Bradley, of the tug Helen Bethel, of Philadelphia, was stunned by lightning, while endeavoring to reach the government pier at Old Point.

Lightning split the flag pole on the Chamberlin Hotel and slightly damaged the roof. The shock was so severe that many women guests were thrown into hysterics, and it was some time before they could be quieted. Lightning also struck the Buckroe Beach Hotel, which was filled with guests. The damage here was more severe than at the Chamberlin, and the women became extremely hysterical. Several of them fainted and the services of a physician was required.

Lightning struck the home of Mayor Thornton Jones, of Hampton, and splintered several small boats in Hampton Creek.

During the height of the storm the revenue cutter Onondaga started to sea to aid the four-masted schooner, Josephine, reported ashore on Ocracoke net, thirty miles east of Hatteras. The Josephine carrier a crew of nine men.

COMMISSIONER ARRIVES.

**Will Inspect The Three Roads This
Afternoon—Meeting Tonight.**

State Highway Commissioner Wilson arrived in the city today at 2:30 and was met at the Union Station by a committee of residents of Fairfax county who have arranged to conduct Mr. Wilson over the route of the three roads it is desired to have him inspect with the view of giving him first-hand information upon the question of selecting one of the three main roads in Fairfax county to be designated as a link of the National Highway.

Commissioner Wilson together with committees of residents representing the three factions who are fighting for their respective localities will be given an opportunity to inspect the river road, the Telegraph road and the Mountain road which will probably occupy the greater part of the afternoon, after which the party will repair to the Sherwood Hall, where refreshments will be served and a meeting held at 8 o'clock tonight, which will be attended by representatives of all the property owners residing along the three roads which are being considered for improvement as the Fairfax link of the Quebec-Miami National Highway.

The Senate yesterday passed a drastic eight-hour law, regulating the employment of female labor in the District. Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, was the author of the bill, which has not yet passed the House.

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